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SACRAMENTO UPDATE

Executive Summary

This memorandum contains reports on the following:

- **Status of County-Sponsored Legislation**
 - **County-sponsored AB 512 (Rendon)** - related to the extension of the sunset date for exemptions to the State licensing requirements for qualified, volunteer out-of-State health care practitioners passed the Assembly Business, Professions, and Consumer Protection Committee on April 9, 2013.
 - **County-co-sponsored SB 191 (Padilla)** - related to funding for pediatric trauma centers passed the Senate Health Committee on April 10, 2013.
- **Status of County-Advocacy Legislation**
 - **County-supported AB 192 (Hagman)** - related to operating a hotel in violation of local building and zoning codes has been scheduled for a hearing in the Assembly Local Government Committee on April 17, 2013.

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- **County-supported AB 272 (Gomez)** - related to rabies vaccinations for dogs passed the Assembly Appropriations Committee on April 10, 2013.
- **County-supported AB 831 (Bloom)** - related to proposals to reduce the rate of fatal drug overdoses passed the Assembly Health Committee on April 9, 2013.
- **County-opposed AB 1357 (Hernandez)** - related to the use of Measure B funds for trauma care in the San Gabriel Valley was amended on April 8, 2013. As amended, the bill would establish a task force to study and audit County Measure B funds collected from properties in the San Gabriel Valley since the passage of the Measure.
- **County-supported SB 4 (Pavley)** - related to hydraulic fracturing passed the Senate Committee on Natural Resources on April 9, 2013.
- **County-supported SB 140 (Leno and Steinberg)** - related to funding to address the existing Armed Prohibited Persons System backlog passed the Assembly Appropriations Committee on April 10, 2013.
- **County-supported SB 296 (Correa)** - related to funding for the activities of county veterans service officers, passed the Senate Veterans Affairs Committee on April 9, 2013.
- **County-supported SB 785 (Wolk)** - related to design-build authority for specified public works projects passed the Senate Committee on Governmental Organization on April 9, 2013.
- **County-supported SBX1 3 (Hernandez)** - related to the Medi-Cal Bridge Plan for qualified low-income persons with incomes up to 200 percent of the Federal Poverty Level passed the Senate Appropriations Committee on April 8, 2013.

Status of County-Sponsored Legislation

County-sponsored AB 512 (Rendon), which as introduced on February 20, 2013, would extend the sunset date of **County-sponsored AB 2699** (Chapter 270, Statutes of 2010) from January 1, 2014 to January 1, 2018, which provides exemptions from

State licensing requirements for qualified out-of-State health care practitioners to provide short-term, volunteer medical and dental services, passed the Assembly Business, Professions, and Consumer Protection Committee by a vote of 13 to 0 on April 9, 2013. This measure now proceeds to the Assembly Appropriations Committee.

County-co-sponsored SB 191 (Padilla), which as introduced on February 7, 2013, would eliminate the January 1, 2014 sunset date for the Ritchie's Fund which authorizes counties to augment the Emergency Medical Services Fund by collecting an additional penalty assessment for specified crimes to fund pediatric trauma centers, passed the Senate Health Committee by a vote of 9 to 0 on April 10, 2013. This measure now proceeds to the Senate Public Safety Committee.

Status of County-Advocacy Legislation

County-supported AB 192 (Hagman), which as introduced on January 28, 2013, would specify that operating a hotel in violation of local building and zoning codes is illegal within State law by making it a misdemeanor, punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, for any person to operate a hotel in an area zoned for residences, was scheduled for hearing in the Assembly Local Government Committee on April 10, 2013. However, that hearing was postponed until April 17, 2013 at the request of the author.

County-supported AB 272 (Gomez), which as introduced on February 7, 2013, would change the age at which dogs may be vaccinated for rabies from four months of age to three months of age or older, passed the Assembly Appropriations Committee by a vote of 17 to 0 on April 10, 2013. This measure now proceeds to the Assembly Floor.

County-supported AB 831 (Bloom), which as amended on April 3, 2013, would require the California Health and Human Services Agency to establish a workgroup to develop a plan to reduce the rate of fatal drug overdoses, and appropriate \$500,000 to fund grants to local agencies for programs related to drug overdose prevention, recognition and response in FY 2014-15, passed the Assembly Health Committee on April 9, 2013 by a vote of 15 to 2. This measure now proceeds to the Assembly Appropriations Committee.

County-opposed AB 1357 (Hernandez) which would require Measure B funds collected from properties in the San Gabriel Valley to remain within that region for medical and trauma services to reduce ambulance diversion was amended on April 8, 2013.

As amended, the bill adds language to establish a task force to study and audit Measure B Funds collected from properties in the San Gabriel Valley since the passage of the Measure to gain an understanding of how monies have been allocated and gauge what improvements, if any, have been made. The task force would consist of the State Directors of the Emergency Medical Services Authority, Public Health, the California State Auditor, and a representative from a local hospital to be selected by members of the task force. The task force would provide a report with its findings to the Legislature by January 1, 2015. AB 1357 is scheduled for a hearing in the Assembly Health Committee on April 23, 2013.

County-supported SB 4 (Pavley), which as amended on March 11, 2013, would require an independent scientific study on hydraulic fracturing be conducted by January 1, 2015 and would provide a comprehensive regulatory framework for the regulation of hydraulic fracturing in California, passed the Senate Committee on Natural Resources by a vote of 6 to 2 on April 9, 2013. This measure now proceeds to the Senate Environmental Quality Committee.

County-supported SB 140 (Leno and Steinberg), which as amended on March 4, 2013, would appropriate \$24.0 million to the California Department of Justice from the Dealers' Record of Sale Special Account for the limited purpose of addressing the current Armed Prohibited Persons System backlog, passed the Assembly Appropriations Committee by a vote of 12 to 1 on April 10, 2013. The measure now proceeds to the Assembly Floor.

County-supported SB 296 (Correa), which as amended on April 1, 2013, would appropriate \$9.0 million from the State General Fund to the California Department of Veterans Affairs for disbursement to counties to fund the activities of county veterans service officers, passed the Senate Veterans Affairs Committee by a vote of 5 to 0 on April 9, 2013. The measure now proceeds to the Senate Appropriations Committee.

County-supported SB 785 (Wolk), which as amended on April 2, 2013, would enact uniform provisions authorizing the Department of General Services, the Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation, and various local agencies to utilize the design-build procurement process and lower the project cost threshold to \$1.0 million, passed the Senate Committee on Governmental Organization by a vote of 10 to 0 on April 9, 2013. This measure now proceeds to the Senate Governance and Finance Committee.

County-supported SBX1 3 (Hernandez), which as amended on March 6, 2013, would establish a Bridge Plan which would require the California Health Benefits Exchange to offer health care plans for low-income persons previously enrolled in the Medi-Cal or

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Healthy Families Programs, and for other qualified persons with incomes up to 200 percent of the Federal Poverty Level, passed the Senate Appropriations Committee by a vote of 6 to 0 on April 8, 2013. This measure now proceeds to the Senate Floor.

We will continue to keep you advised.

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